**Implementation of NHDP**

268. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress todate in implementing the National Highway Development Project;

(b) whether the finance for implementing this project has been tied up;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the implementation capabilities of the National Highways Authority of India; and

(e) if not, what measures are contemplated to strengthn NHAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Out of the total length of 13250 km of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), consisting of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and North-South & East-West Corridors, a length of 588 km on GQ and 630 km on North-South & East-West Corridors have been completed.

(b) and (c) The project will be finance from cess funds, market borrowings, external assistance and private financing.

(d) and (e) National Highways Authority of India have the implementation capabilities and whenever considered necessary as a result of monitoring and review are being further empowered to undertake the task of NHDP.

**Loans for NHDP**

269. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government to raise Rs. 12000 crore *via* Bonds to Finance NHDP" published in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th May, 2000;

(b) whether these will be tax free bonds;

(c) if so, whether the Investment is also rebateable under Section 88L;

(d) the agencies which have volunteered to extend loans and the amount expected from them;